

PROCLAMATION COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2003

WHEREAS, citizens of North Dakota recognize the challenges ahead and accept the responsibility of providing our children with the education and skills to compete successfully in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the state's interest that access to postsecondary education for our children be maintained and that encouraging parents to save for their children's education promotes that public purpose; and

WHEREAS, savings and assisting versus borrowing to meet the education goals of our children, grandchildren and others in need of help is supported at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the Bank of North Dakota provides College SAVE, a Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plan through duly enacted laws passed by the state's legislature; and

NOW THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I proclaim the month of September 2003, as **COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State